

# City of Menomonie

## Public Participation Policy

To ensure public and staff exposure is limited during the Pandemic, all City Council and Plan Commission meetings will be conducted via ZOOM participation. Thus, public participation and public attendance will be limited to ZOOM. Public comments may also be submitted in writing prior to the meeting. To watch or participate in a public meeting please log into ZOOM (you may need to download the App on your device) or call in and use the ZOOM access code found at the end of the meeting agenda. Verbal comments will be allowed and managed by the City's staff during the meeting. Per City ordinance, verbal comments are limited to 3 minutes each with a 15 minute maximum time allotment for all verbal comments. Written comments may be submitted to Mayor@menomonie-wi.gov prior to noon on the scheduled meeting date. Written comments will be forwarded electronically to all Council/Commission members prior to the start of the meeting.

### **Any comments containing the following will not be forwarded or allowed via Zoom:**

- \* Profanity
- \* Hate speech – Promoting, fostering or perpetuating discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation
- \* Sexual content or links to sexual content
- \* Solicitations of commerce
- \* Conducting or encouraging illegal activity
- \* Possibly compromising the safety or security of public or private entities

### **GENERAL RULES RELATED TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Public comments are permitted during the “Public Comments” or “Public Hearings” portion of the agenda only. Public comments will not be solicited or allowed during any other portion of the meeting.
- Public comments will not be responded to by the governing body. Public comments will be noted and considered by the meeting participants, but such comments are not intended to result in a dialogue or questions and answers.
- Public comments shall be restricted to items on the meeting agenda.

This will be in effect until May 31, 2021, at which time the policy will be reviewed to determine if the policy will be extended.